PHOENIX COLLEGE FACULTY ASSOCIATION
Faculty Senate Meeting
Friday, December 4, 2015
Campus Vista Room
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Minutes

I. General
   A. The meeting was called to order by John Schampel at 1:04pm.
   B. Roll call
      Senators present: John Schampel (President), Kory Ambrosich (President-Elect), Patty Finkenstadt (Past-President), Scott Geddis (Treasurer), Dawn Klecka (Secretary), Debbie Webster, Adrianna Coronel, Karl Schindler, Andrea Villarreal, Michael Wilson, Cindy Cloud, Anna Marti-Subirana, Frank Marfai
   C. A motion was made (Cloud) and seconded (Wilson) for approval of the agenda Motion passed unanimously.
   D. November 20, 2015 minutes: tabled until next meeting.

II. Business
   A. Jan 15 Senate Meeting date: Senate discussed the schedule overlap with the District-wide All Faculty Meeting on Jan 15th here at PC. A motion was made (Marti-Subirana) and seconded (Cloud) to reschedule the Jan 15th Senate meeting to Jan 22nd, from 1-3pm. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Information
   A. Declaration of Zone 3 Vacancies
      John will send out an official call for interested Zone 3 faculty to fill the two Zone 3 vacancies.
   B. HLC Faculty Qualifications
      Senate discussed how to appropriately address HLC Faculty Qualification issues. Instructional Councils are the ultimate judges of faculty qualifications in that subject area. Senate discussed if IC's could or should have a defined process for decision-making about faculty qualifications, and the specifics therein. It was unclear that IC's have any published guidelines whatsoever for making such determinations. At this point, some residential faculty in the District, and some at Phoenix College, are imminently affected by the outcomes of IC decisions.

      Senate also discussed the role that it might play in advocating for faculty who are at risk of losing their ability to teach in their established, historical instructional discipline. This would include contacting each affected PC faculty, asking them about their progress with resolving their issues through their IC, providing faculty with the appeal form in the event of an unfavorable IC decision on their case, and then follow-up with faculty regarding the status of the appeal. Given the power that all of the IC's now wield in making specific decisions on how their instructional area complies with the

HLC Qualification guidelines, Senate could send out an email recommendation to departments to be mindful as they select their IC Representatives to be sure that the departments interests are adequately represented.

C. Presidential Search

The PC Presidential Search Committee will be interviewing 10 candidates off-site during the week of December 14-18. It will then make its finalist recommendations (2-5 finalists) to the Chancellor. Identified finalists will be invited to public forums in early January.

D. Regional Centers of Excellence

FEC has sent a concise letter to Ms. Iussa with RCE issues to be addressed.

E. Professional Standards Committee

Committee members: D. Webster, A. Villarreal, M. Wilson, K. Schindler

This committee is tasked with revising a prior document on faculty accountability and then bringing the recommendations back to the Senate for Senate approval and then subsequent approval by the VPAA before it goes out to Faculty.

IV. Zone Reports

Zone 4: Issue with pigeons' excrement not being addressed despite multiple requests. John will follow up with Paul DeRose.

Zone 3: No report.

Zone 2: Ceramics room is extremely cold. This is a problem because the kiln has to work that much harder to stay appropriately hot, and this reduces both the life of the kiln and presumably the air-conditioning unit cooling that room. This has been an ongoing issue and has been discussed with Doug McCarthy. John will discuss this with Paul DeRose next week.

Zone 1: Topic of a prospective land purchase by PC for a Nursing Building parking lot was discussed. Specifics regarding the decision to purchase or not to purchase the parking lot were explained by John. The college has an opportunity to purchase a parking lot north of the nursing building and has opted not to purchase it at this time.

V. Reports

A. President's:

December 18th, 2015 Senate meeting is officially canceled.

B. Officers':

Senate website is updated

C. FEC:

John will bring PC Senate's willingness to assist with the All-Faculty Meeting in January. When a reply is received by FEC regarding the RCE feedback, John will update the Senate.

A. BRC

Capital budget requests have been approved and announced.

VI. Motion was made to adjourn (Geddis) and seconded (Marfai). Unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 3:15

Next Faculty Senate Meeting
Jan 22nd, 2016 (1-3pm)